

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting Held January 18, 2011
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS, ROOM 1101,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

1. Call Meeting to Order at 3:07pm

Committee Members Present:

1. Chair, Council Member Randi Shade
2. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez
3. Council Member Laura Morrison

2. Review and approval of minutes of the committee meeting held Tuesday, November 16th, 2010.

Motion by Council Member Shade to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on November 16th, 2010. Seconded by Council Member Morrison. Motion unanimously carries.

3. Citizen Communications.

Brad Beam spoke on Town Lake Animal Center volunteers and the need to walk dogs.

4. Receive University Hills Neighborhood Association (or UHNA) Disabled Group Home Task Force update and status of collaborative action with the City regarding the approved model standards of the House Bill 216, a state law relating to boarding home facilities for the disabled. (Joan Bartz, Task Force Chair, University Hills Neighborhood Association)

Joan Bartz spoke to the Subcommittee on model standards for disabled citizens living in unregulated residences. She handed out a three-page summary of the State model standards and the goals of her Task Force, the United Hills Neighborhood Association Group Home Task Force.

5. Presentation on proposed revisions of the child care subsidy system (Dr. Aletha Huston, Chair, Early Childhood Council)

Dr. Huston presented on the Early Childhood Council recommendations for this legislative session. They include reimbursement rates to providers keeping up with the current market, quality care incentives for programs such as the Texas Rising Star system, and consequently reducing instability in the provision of quality child care.

6. Status Report on Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes (Filip Gecic, Acting Animal Services Officer)

Acting Animal Services Officer Filip reviewed components of the Implementation Plan with the Subcommittee noting various milestones. He also shared that the hiring of the behaviorist is on hold until the new Animal Services Director is “onboard.” Mayor Pro Tem Martinez cautioned that any new ideas regarding the Plan need to be vetted with the PHHS, if not the full Council.

7. Consider and make recommendations for the Travis County Healthcare District Board appointment(s) and Take Appropriate Action for full Council approval.

Council Member Shade made a motion to reappoint Katrina Daniels to the Travis County Healthcare District Board, and to make such recommendation to the full Council. The motion was seconded by the Mayor Pro Tem, and passed by unanimous vote.

8. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, February, 15th, 2011 or at the call of the committee chair.

9. Adjourned at 4:15pm.